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TEXT OF NPIC 3500 DTG 172215Z APR FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED 12 APRIL: 12 APRIL: 12 APRIL:  
ALERT THIS DATE REPORTS THE FOLLOWING: LARGE TWIN ROTOR HELICOPTER  
SIGHTED ON APRON ADJACENT TO ASSEMBLY BUILDING AT MOSCOW PANKI MIL  
DESIGN BUREAU (5540N-03756E) MACHINE CLOSELY  
RESEMBLES BYKOV A HELICOPTER, WHICH IS ALSO VISIBLE ON THIS  
MISSION ON ITS ORIGINAL PAD. BODY LENGTH OF THE PANKI HELICOPTER  
IS IDENTICAL, BUT THE DISTANCE BETWEEN ROTOR HUBS IS 135 FEET,  
BASED ON ORBITAL EPHEMERIS. THIS IS GREATER DISTANCE THAN BYKOV  
A DISTANCE MACHINE IS LIGHT TONED AND APPEARS TO HAVE  
ONLY ONE ROTOR MOUNTED.

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END OF MESSAGE

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